

Exploring the Future Science of Space-based Gamma-ray Observations

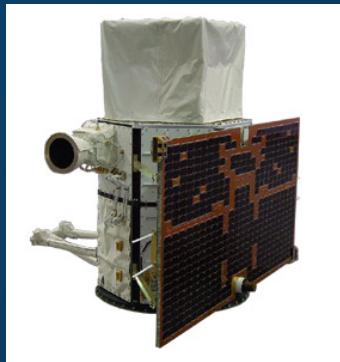
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Space-based Gamma-ray Observatories



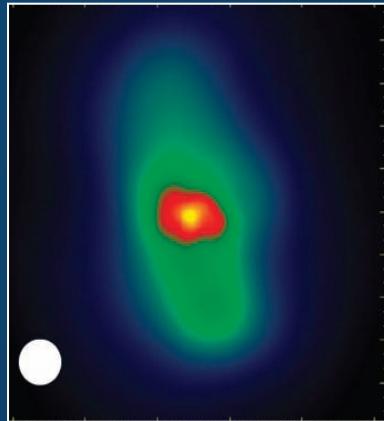
AGILE - GRID
30 MeV – 50 GeV

Fermi
GBM 8 keV – 40 MeV
LAT 20 MeV - >300 GeV

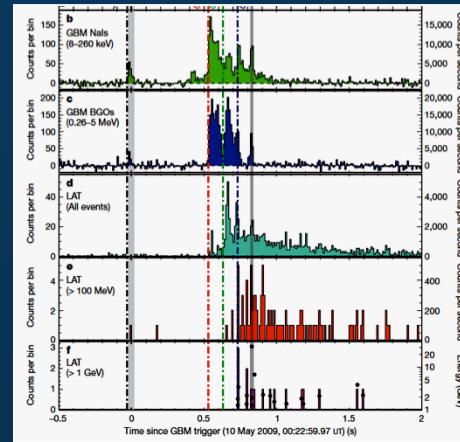
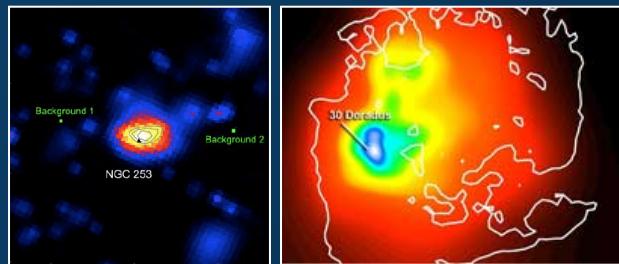
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Multiwavelength
Multimessenger

New Views of the Universe: Examples

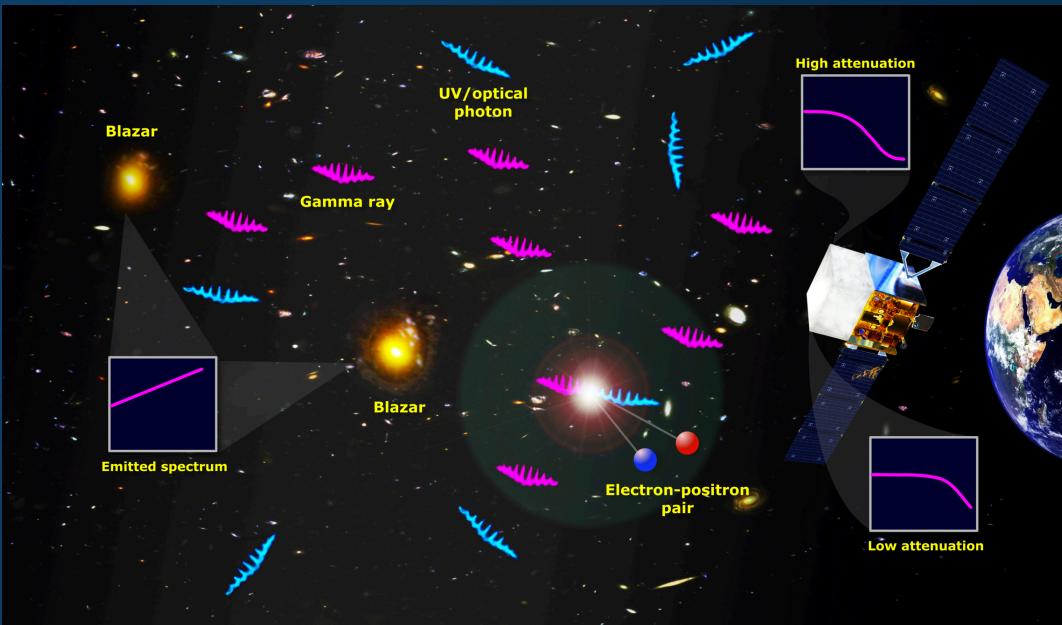


Radio Galaxies, Starburst
Galaxies, LMC and SMC

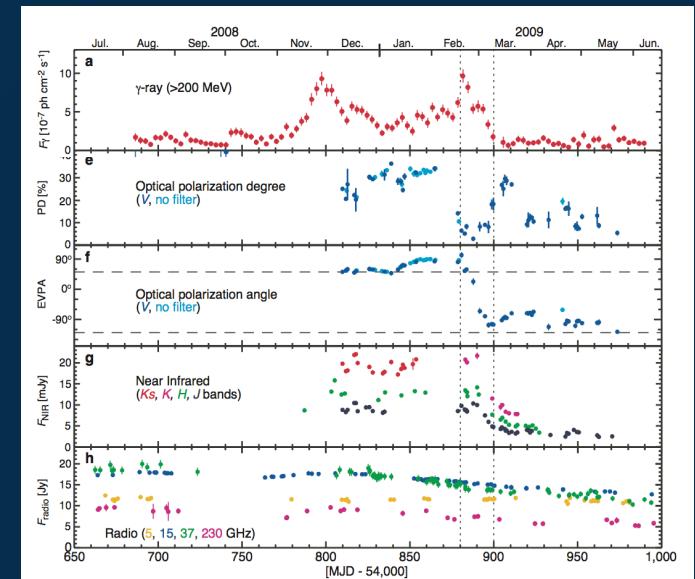


GRB emission
and constraints
on Lorentz
Invariance
Violation
Abdo et al.
2009

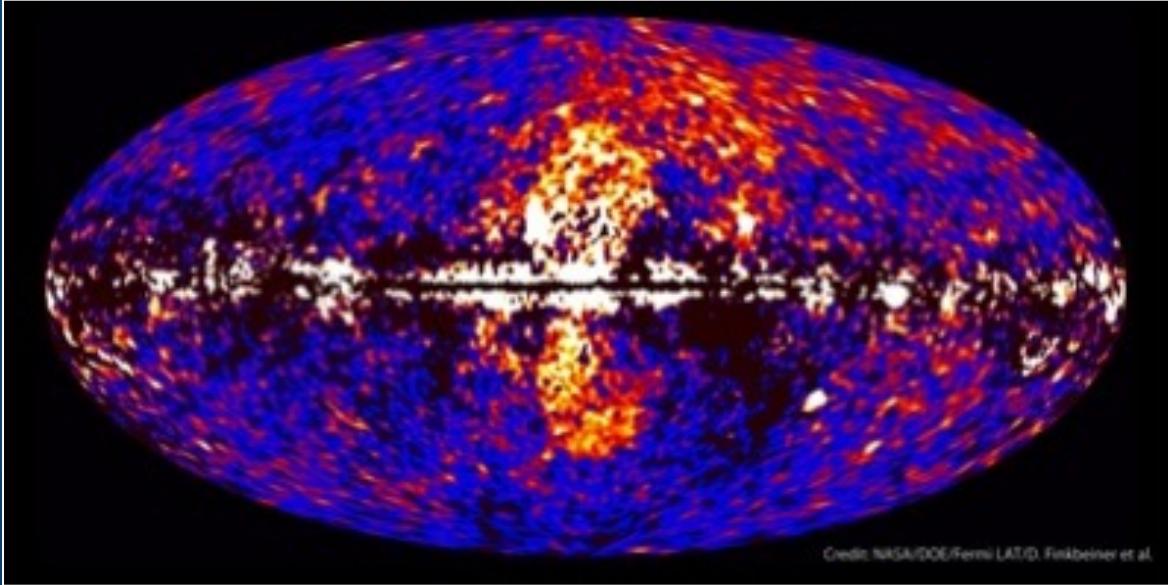
Extragalactic Background Light



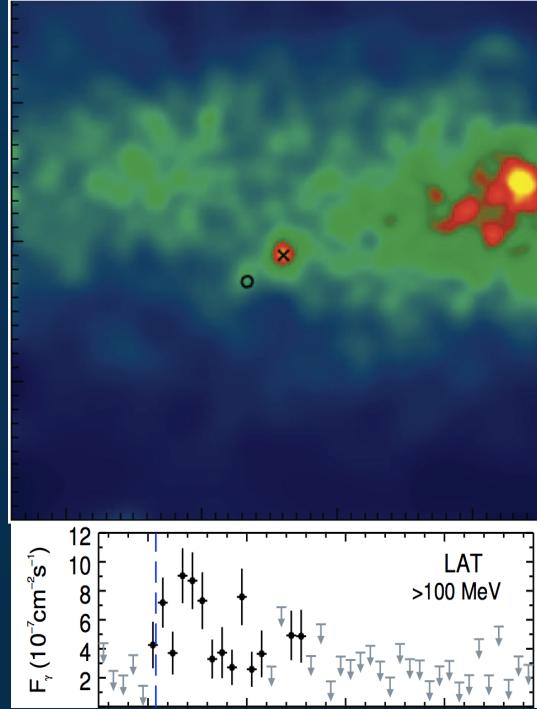
Quasar jet structure
Abdo et al. 2010



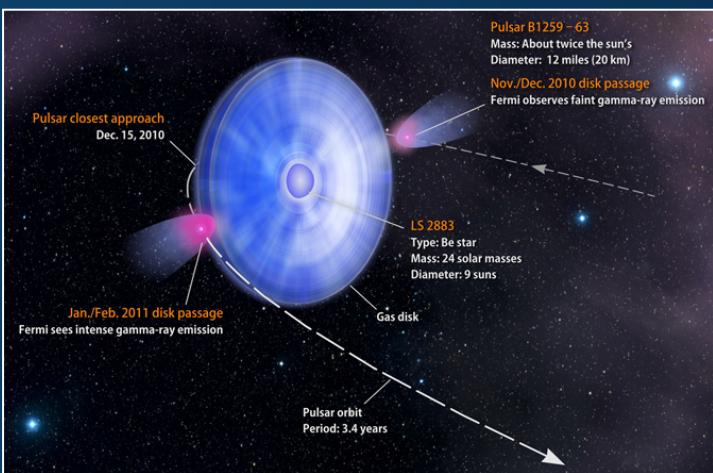
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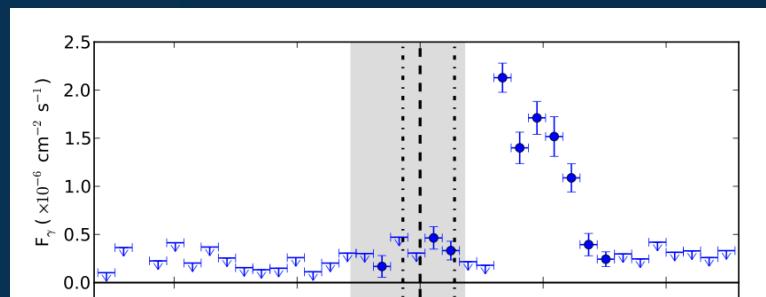
Fermi Bubbles Su et al. 2011



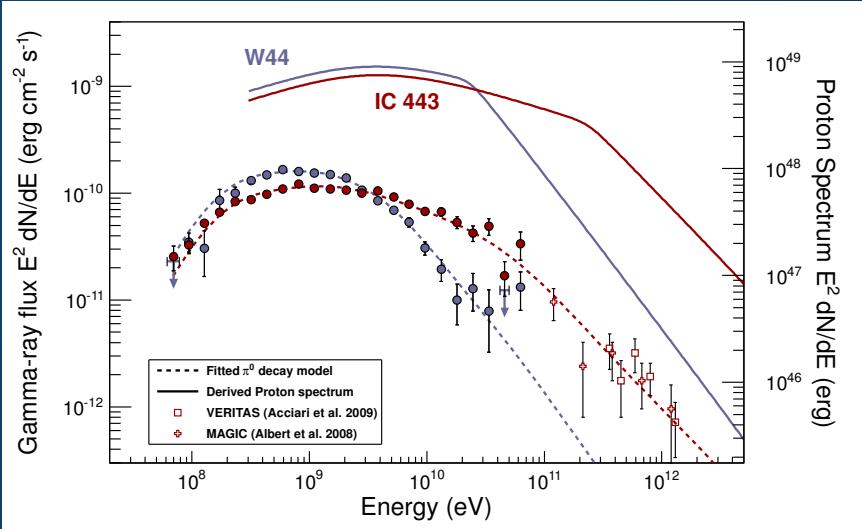
Gamma Rays from Novae
e.g. Abdo et al. 2010



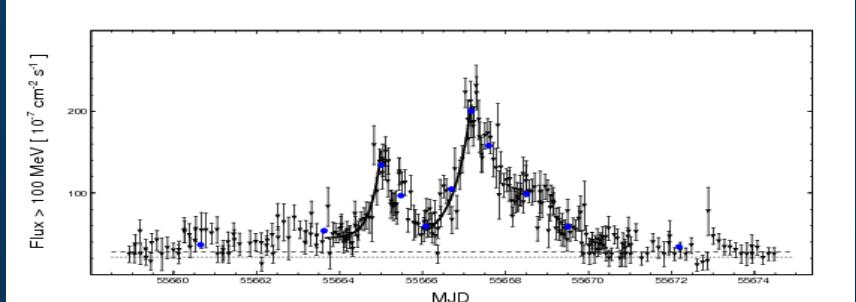
γ -ray Binaries
e.g. Abdo et al. 2011



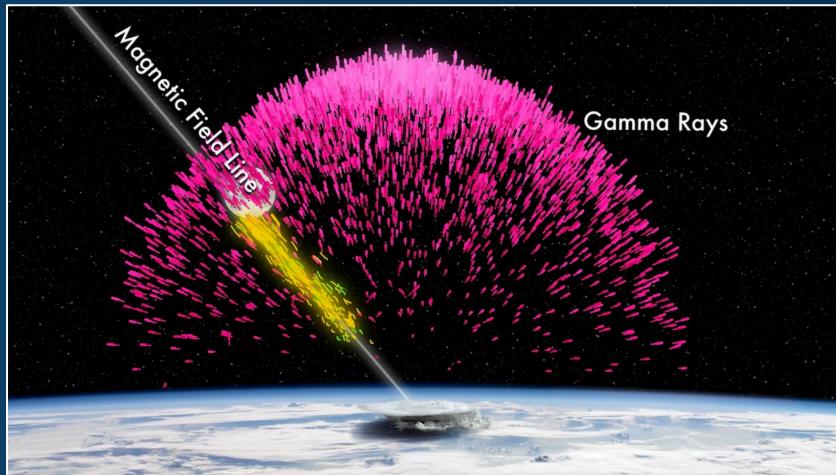
Particle Acceleration and Magnetic Fields



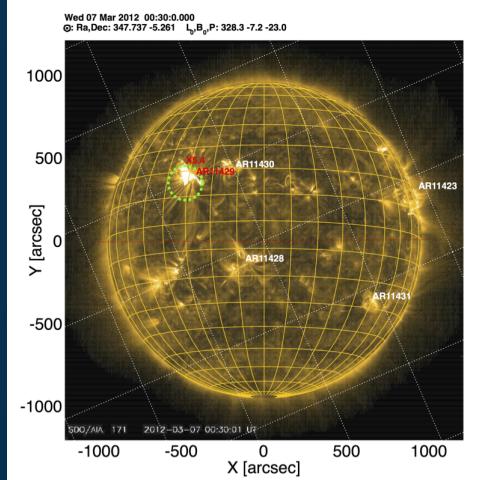
Cosmic-ray acceleration in SNRs
Ackermann et al. 2013



Rapid Flares in
the Crab
Nebula
Buehler et al.
2011

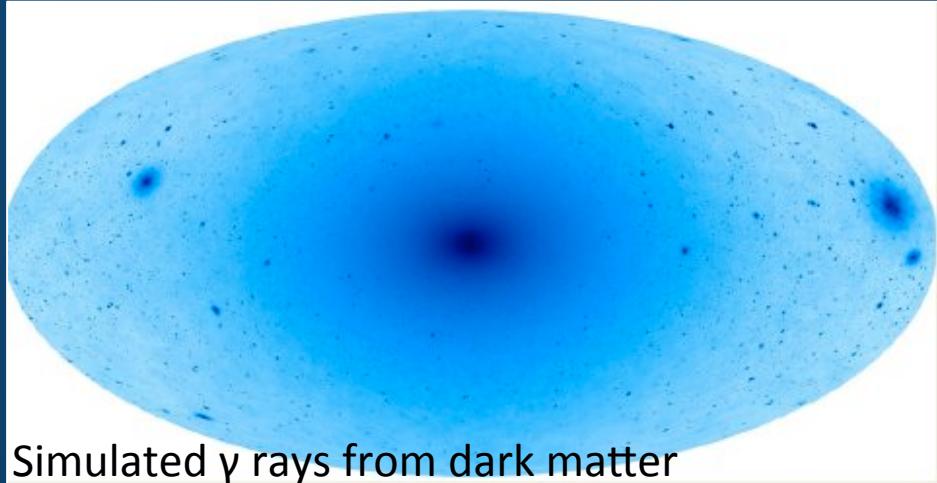


Terrestrial Gamma-ray Flashes

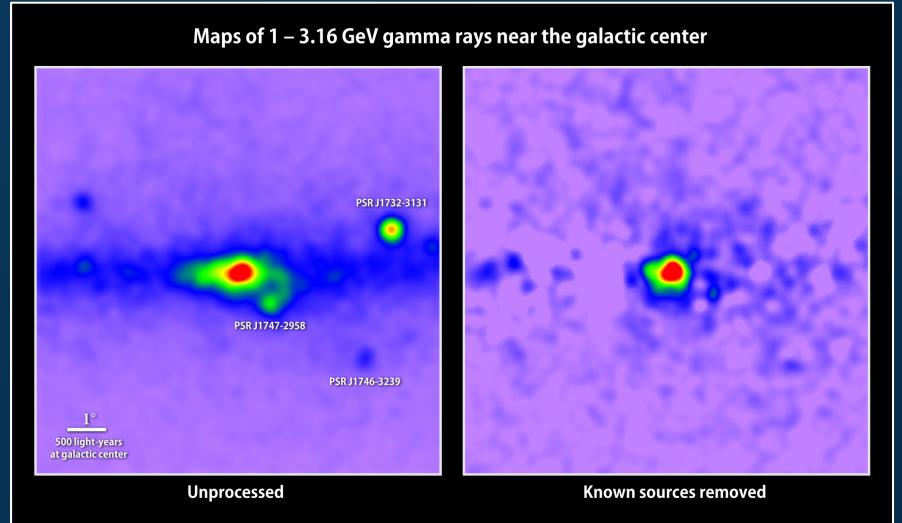


High energy, long
duration solar flares
Ajello et al. 2014

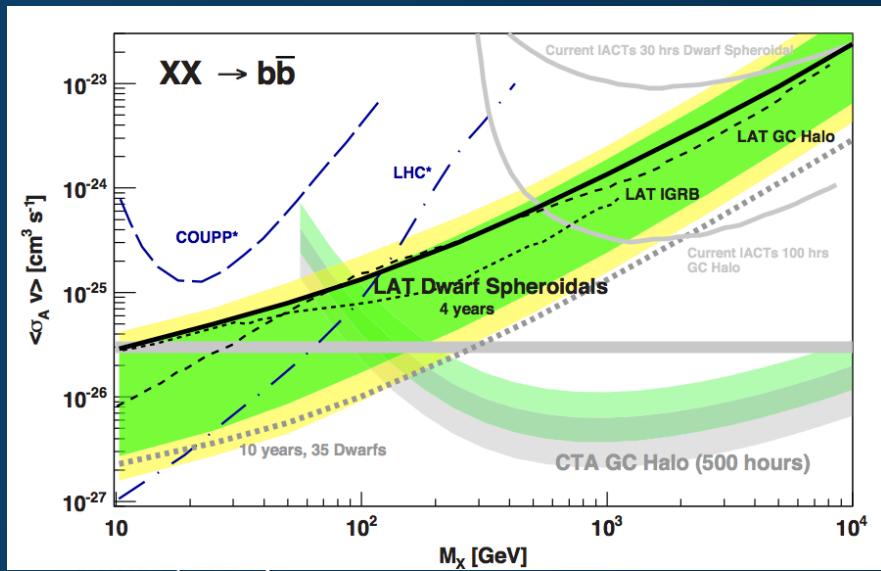
Searches for Dark Matter



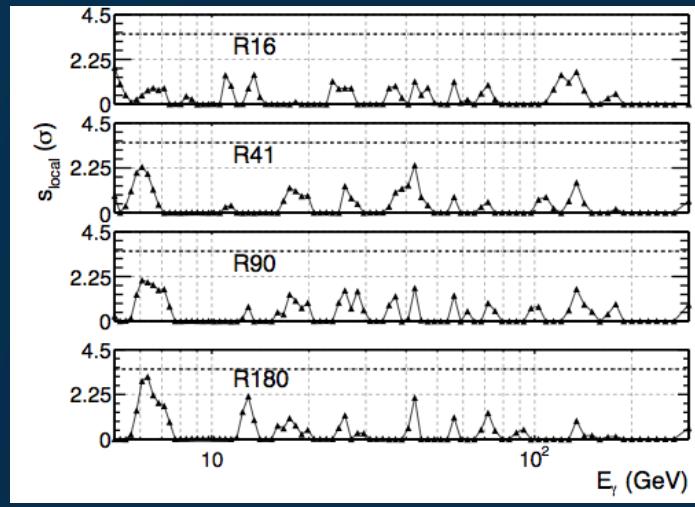
Simulated γ rays from dark matter



Daylan et al. 2014



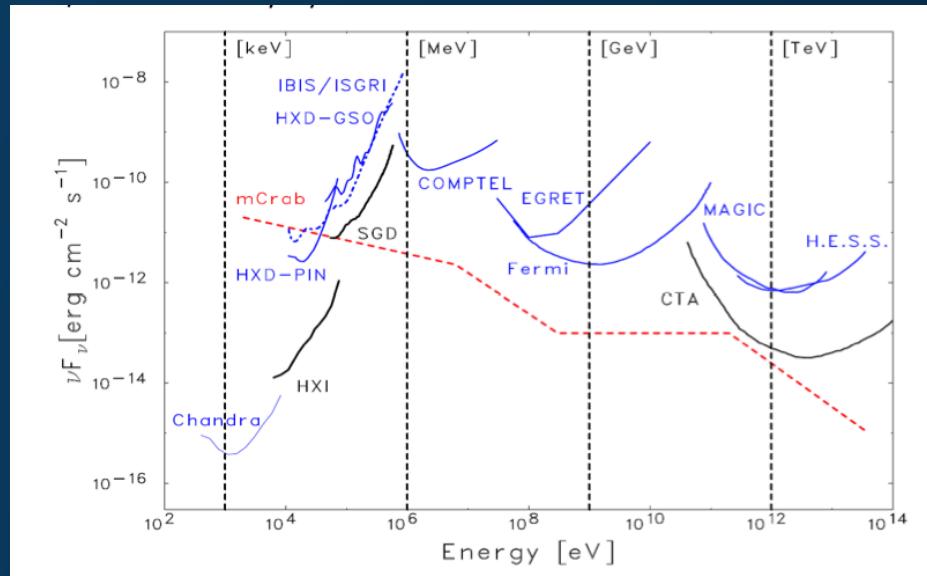
Funk 2013



Ackermann et al. 2013

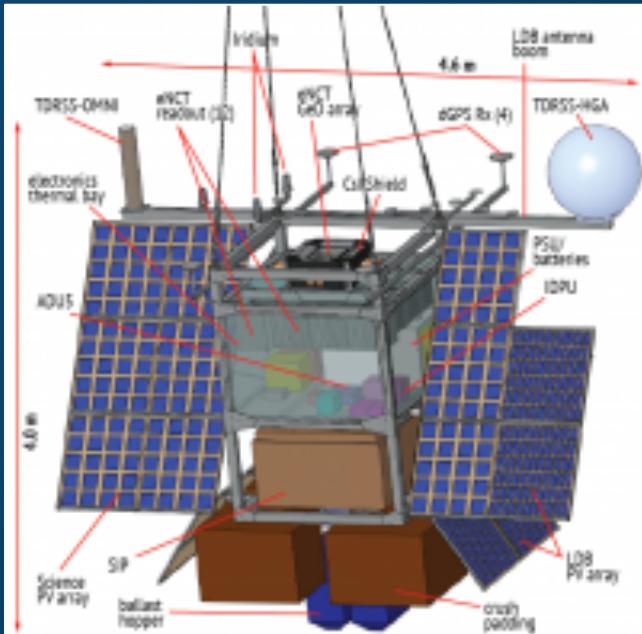
The Next Generation Gamma-ray Sky

- MeV/Compton imagers
- Improving spectroscopic sensitivity
 - Positron annihilation, nuclear line emission (e.g. solar flares, supernovae)
- Gamma-ray polarization
- Focusing soft gamma rays (\sim 70 keV – 1 MeV)

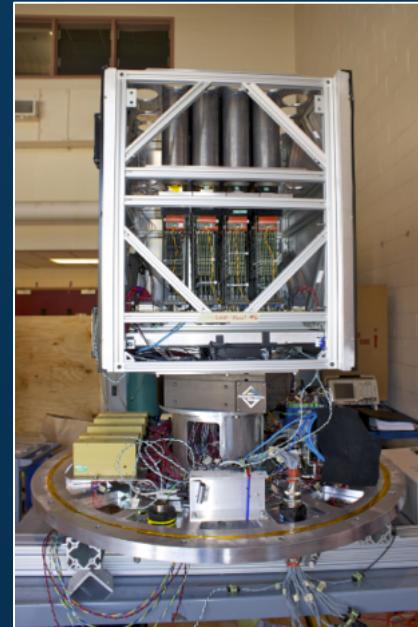


Takahashi et al. 2012

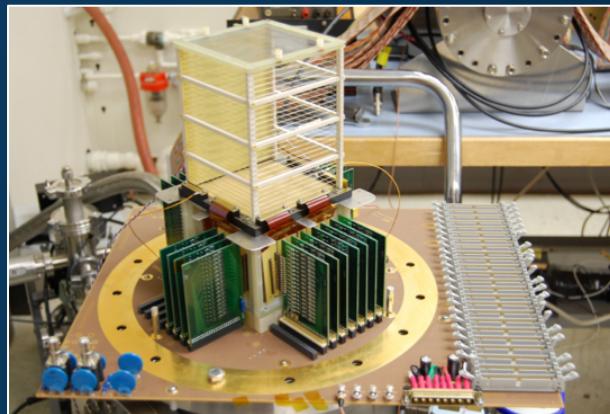
Planned Flights and Development: Examples



Super-COSI
(0.2-10 MeV)
Ultra-long
duration
balloon
payload
2014/15



GRAPE
(50 – 500 keV)
Balloon flight in
2014
McConnell et al.
2013



Development work in
Compton telescopes,
sensors and background,
high resolution imagers,
and polarimetry.

Gamma-ray Science Interest Group

- Visit the GammaSIG website
<http://pcos.gsfc.nasa.gov/sags/gammasag.php>
- Sign up for e-mail notifications
- Join the discussion at future meetings
 - Integral Workshop Sep. 2014, January 2015 AAS,
April 2015 APS

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